

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas, met in regular session on Thursday, April 25, 2013 at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 605 Spring St., Columbus, Texas, with the following present:

Mayor	-	Dwain Dungen
Mayor Pro Tem	-	Curtiss Schonenberg
Councilman	-	Steve Woodall
Councilman	-	John Axel
Councilman	-	Bruce Tesch
Councilman	-	Chuck Rankin
City Manager	-	Donald Warschak
City Secretary	-	Linda Lakich

Other City Staff present included:

Police Chief	-	Bill Lattimore
Animal Control Officer	-	Rudy Schmidt

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Dwain Dungen called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

Mayor Dungen led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

3. Consent Agenda.

- a. Approval of Invoices.
- b. Approval of Minutes of April 4, 2013 Special Meeting.
- c. Approval of Minutes of April 11, 2013 Regular Meeting.
- d. Approval of March 2013 Financial Statements.
- e. Approval of Quarterly Investment Report for the Quarter Ended March 31, 2013.

Councilman Schonenberg made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Councilman Axel seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Woodall, Axel, Schonenberg, Tesch, and Rankin

The motion passed.

4. Consideration and Action to Approve Invoices from B&D Graphics.

Councilman Schonenberg made a motion to approve the invoices from B&D Graphics. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Woodall, Axel, Schonenberg, and Rankin
Abstain: Councilman Tesch

The motion passed.

5. Citizens' Presentations and Comments.¹

There were no citizens' presentations or comments.

6. City Manager's Report including Hazardous Waste Collection Event, 2012 Water System Improvements, and Cardinal Hill Elevated Storage Tank.

City Manager, Donald Warschak, presented his City Manager's Report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

7. Public Hearing Regarding Dangerous Dogs and Animal Care.

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 6:36 p.m.

Mayor Dungen asked if anyone would like to speak. No one responded.

The Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:37 p.m.

8. Consideration and Action to Approve Ordinance 152-13 Animal Control.

Mayor Dungen explained that the ordinance as presented had all of the changes which Council had discussed in previous meetings. He asked if anyone on Council had any comments, and no one did.

Councilman Woodall made a motion to approve Ordinance 152-13 Animal Control as presented. Councilman Axel seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Woodall, Axel, Schonenberg, Tesch, and Rankin

The motion passed.

9. Consideration and Action to Approve Ordinance 153-13 Speed Limits-Highway 71 South.

Donald Warschak told Council that he had received a memo from TxDOT proposing new speed limits on Highway 71 South. From the Interstate to in front of Comfort Inn the speed limit would be 40 miles per hour, from there south to Ratliff Creek it would be 50 mph, from Ratliff Creek for another 0.2 miles it would be 55 mph, and from there to the airport it would be 65 mph. He told them that Ordinance 153-13 reflects the suggested speed limits within the city limits from Interstate 10 to Ratliff Creek.

Councilman Schonenberg made a motion to approve Ordinance 153-13 as presented to set speed limits on Highway 71 South. Councilman Tesch seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Woodall, Axel, Schonenberg, Tesch, and Rankin

The motion passed.

10. Consideration and Action to Approve Appointment of a Library Advisory Board Member.

Mayor Dungen told Council that the appointment to the Library Advisory Board was Roger Wade.

Councilman Rankin made a motion to approve the appointment of Roger Wade to the Library Advisory Board. Councilman Tesch seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Woodall, Axel, Schonenberg, Tesch, and Rankin

The motion passed.

11. Executive Session: In Accordance with Texas Government Code, Subchapter D, Section 551.072 – Deliberations about Real Property.

Mayor Dungen adjourned into Executive Session at 6:40 p.m.

12. Reconvene into Regular Session and Consideration and Action, if Any, Regarding Executive Session – Deliberations about Real Property.

Mayor Dungen reconvened the regular session at 7:14 p.m. with the same members present as before.

Councilman Schonenberg made a motion to authorize the mayor to enter into negotiations for the City regarding real property as discussed during the executive session. Councilman Axel seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Woodall, Axel, Schonenberg, Tesch, and Rankin

The motion passed.

13. Consideration and Action to Adopt Post Issuance Compliance Policy and Procedure.

The City Secretary explained that the city's bond counsel had suggested that the City adopt a formal written policy for handling post issuance compliance issues on bonds issued. Following these procedures will ensure that the City's bonds remain tax exempt for federal income tax purposes. She explained that the policy includes procedures for things like record keeping, filings, use of proceeds, investment of proceeds, and payments.

Councilman Schonenberg made a motion to adopt the Post Issuance Compliance Policy and Procedures as presented. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Woodall, Axel, Schonenberg, Tesch, and Rankin

The motion passed.

14. Consideration and Action to Review City of Columbus Financial Management Goals and Objectives.

The City Secretary told Council that the current policy requires that they review the Financial Goals and Objectives annually. She also said that she had made no changes since last year and asked if they had any changes to suggest. Councilman Rankin asked that the policy on transfers between funds be clarified. After additional discussion Council asked for time to review the policy and that it be included in the next agenda.

No action was taken.

15. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, on the March 2013 Police Report.

Police Chief, Bill Lattimore, presented the March 2013 Police Report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

No action was necessary.

16. Items from Councilmembers.²

Councilman Woodall – no comment.

Councilman Axel – no comment.

Councilman Schonenberg – updated Council on recent Columbus Community & Industrial Development Board activities.

Councilman Tesch – no comment.

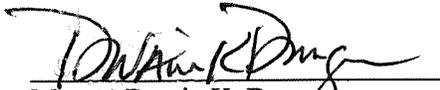
Councilman Rankin – no comment.

17. Announcements.²

There were no announcements.

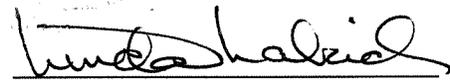
18. Adjournment.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.



Mayor, Dwain K. Dungen

ATTEST:



Linda Lakich, City Secretary

¹During this agenda item, citizens may comment for the record on items, which are not on the agenda. However, the Council may not participate in discussion or deliberation on any item that is not on the agenda. Citizens may request that a topic be added to a future agenda.

Citizens who wish to comment on a posted agenda item may do so when that item is addressed by the Mayor. Citizen's comments are limited to five minutes.

²Limited to statements. Issues raised by councilmembers under this item cannot be deliberated by Council. The Open Meetings Act does not allow Council to deliberate items that don't appear on the agenda.